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REGULAR MEETING
GOODLETTSVILLE CITY COMMISSION

Date: May 14, 2020

Time: 6:35

Place: Held Electronically via Zoom

Present: Jimmy D. Anderson, Harry Bell, Jeff Duncan, Rusty Tinnin, and Zach Young.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Russell Freeman, Tim Ellis, Julie High, Allison Baker, Sarah Jennings, Kimberly Lynn, and Mary Laine Hucks.

Mayor Jeff Duncan called the meeting to order.

City Manager Tim Ellis stated Governor Lee issued Executive Order #16 on Friday, March 16th. This order was issued to ensure that government continued to function openly and transparently during the COVID-19 emergency while taking the appropriate measures to protect the health and safety of our citizens. In the order, the Governor recognized guidance from the White House and the Center for Disease Control that states Americans should avoid social gatherings in groups more than 10. The Governor also emphasizes limiting the spread of the COVID-19 by asking all governmental entities of all type to eliminate gatherings by conducting business by electronic means to the greatest extent possible. The order provides that the governments may meet to conduct essential business by electronic means when the governing body determines in doing so as is necessary to protect the citizens. Sadly COVID-19 is still spreading in our State and in our City, therefore, the City of Goodlettsville has determined that in the interest of health, safety and welfare of Tennesseans and the residents of the City of Goodlettsville it is necessary for the Board of Commissioners to meet electronically instead of in person. The City has advertised publicly a link to view and listen to this meeting and has posted the same on our website.

City Manager Tim Ellis offered prayer.

City Recorder Allison Baker called the roll: Mayor Duncan present, Vice Mayor Tinnin present, Commissioner Anderson present, Commissioner Bell present, and Commissioner Young present.

Mayor Duncan stated that everything considered would have to be voted on by a roll call vote.

Consider minutes of the April 23, 2020 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. City Recorder Allison Baker called roll: Mayor Duncan, yes; Vice Mayor Tinnin, yes; Commissioner Anderson, yes; Commissioner Bell, yes; Commissioner Young, aye. Minutes were approved by a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Duncan stated we will have comments by citizens available at the next meeting and look forward to that.

City Manager Tim Ellis thanked the employees for the job that they have done for providing services to our citizens and our businesses while taking the extra measures to protect themselves.

He stated we are slowly getting things back open. City Hall reopened with limited access and we are here to serve.

Commissioner Zach Young stated last week he knew Mayor Duncan signed on to a letter from the City to be passed on to the Davidson County Mayor and Health Department and that we have received no response. He said the letter was to advocate for the businesses here in Goodlettsville so we could go into Davidson County's Phase 2 of reopening. We have had some of the lowest COVID-19 numbers in the county in our zip code. He wanted to let our businesses know that as the City of Goodlettsville our hands were tied since this is a County Health Department issue and that we are doing what we can in the way of advocacy but still coming up short unfortunately.

Mayor Duncan confirmed that he had received zero communication from the Mayor's office in Nashville. He said he understands they are very busy but still disappointed. He expected them to say no and then argue to the hill but no response. He stated we will continue to advocate for our community and for our citizens and our businesses.

Consider old business.

Consider Ordinance 20-969, an ordinance amending Ordinance 17-887, as it relates to those serving as the designated Public Record Request Coordinators for the City of Goodlettsville, second reading. City Manager Ellis stated we have had a change in employment and had to designate a second person as the backup to Mrs. Baker. Commissioner Bell made a motion to consider Ordinance 20-969. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. City Recorder Baker called roll for a vote: Mayor Duncan, aye; Vice Mayor Tinnin, yes; Commissioner Anderson, yes; Commissioner Bell, yes; Commissioner Young, aye. Ordinance 20-969 was approved on second reading by a 5-0 vote.

Consider new business.

Consider Resolution 20-919, a resolution requesting the members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives from the State of Tennessee to assist in the creation and funding of the Independent Restaurant Stabilization Fund. City Manager Ellis stated that one of the members of the Economic Support and Recovery Task Force brought this forward as something those independent restaurants are trying to get their association to set up to get them back on their feet. Assistant City Manager Julie High stated that a lot of the loans that came out originally were proven to be very difficult for all businesses but in particular for small, independent restaurants. This was brought forward and suggested it may be a nice show of support and helpful to our many small restaurants in our community. City Manager Ellis said his intent if the Commission adopts this is to get the Mayor to draft a letter to send to all of our State Senators and Representatives to get them to support this. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to consider Resolution 20-919. Vice Mayor Tinnin seconded the motion. City Recorder Baker called roll for a vote: Mayor Duncan, aye; Vice Mayor Tinnin, yes; Commissioner Anderson, yes; Commissioner Bell, yes; Commissioner Young, aye. Resolution 20-919 was approved by a 5-0 vote. Mayor Duncan thanked Assistant City Manager High and the committee of business owners and citizens that have put these things forward. We appreciate everything they have done for our community and if there is anything we can do to help them that is what we want to do.

Consider Resolution 20-920, a resolution requesting the members of the State of Tennessee Senate and House of Representatives not to support any reductions of state shared revenues or any other revenues provided to local governments as a part of any budget amendments associated with the State of Tennessee Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget. The matching funds would come out of the existing budget. City Manager Ellis stated when the House and the Senate go back in to Session there will have to be certain budget amendments and one of the things we do not need as a local government is for a reduction of any of those funds that are shared with us. It could be very devastating to communities as you can see where we are with our budget at this point. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to consider Resolution 20-920. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. City Recorder Baker called roll for a vote: Mayor Duncan, yes; Vice Mayor Tinnin, yes; Commissioner Anderson, yes; Commissioner Bell, yes; Commissioner Young, aye. Resolution 20-920 was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Consider Resolution 20-921, a resolution of the City of Goodlettsville Board of Commissioners adopting and participating in the Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County, Tennessee Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. City Manager Ellis stated that since the draft briefing packet was sent out the wording was updated to read Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County plan instead of Davidson County plan. He said to receive money from FEMA for mitigation, for example the three or four homes we bought out after the flood of 2010, if we had not been a part of a mitigation plan we would not have been qualified for those funds. He said now those entities within Davidson County must approve or not approve participation. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to consider Resolution 20-921. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Commissioner Bell asked if we had a representative to be on that board. City Manager Ellis stated Chief Reeves was a part of that board. He was the representative for the City of Goodlettsville. City Recorder Baker called roll for a vote: Mayor Duncan, yes; Vice Mayor Tinnin, yes; Commissioner Anderson, yes; Commissioner Bell, yes; Commissioner Young, aye. Resolution 20-921 was approved by a 5-0 vote.

With no further business, Commissioner Anderson made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:53 p.m.

City Recorder

Mayor